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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INTELSAT - CHIREP/TAIWAN ACCESS

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1. EMBASSY MADE DEMARCHE PER REFTEL TO HAAKON NORD, AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE FOR SPACE AFFAIRS AT NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND THORVALD NEBELL, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION AFFAIRS AT NORWEGIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORATE (TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORATE IS NORWEGIAN "DESIGNATED ENTITY" UNDER INTELSAT AGREEMENT). BOTH WILL ATTEND FORTHCOMING INTELSAT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES AT NAIROBI SEPT. 29 - OCT 1.

2. EMBASSY APPROACH WAS FIRST TIME NORWEGIANS HAD HEARD THAT REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAD WITHDRAWN FROM MEMBERSHIP IN INTELSAT AND WOULD NOT ATTEND NAIROBI MEETING. NORWAY HAS THEREFORE NOT YET FORMULATED POSITION ON QUESTION OF COMMERCIAL ACCESS BY ROC AS A NON-MEMBER.

3. AMBASSADOR NORD OBSERVED THAT HE HOPED QUESTION OF TAIWAN'S CONTINUED COMMERCIAL ACCESS TO INTELSAT
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WOULD NOT BE A POLITICAL ISSUE. HE NOTED, HOWEVER,

THAT NORWAY HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC AND NO RELATIONS WITH ROC. HE THEREFORE STATED QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED CLOSER WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

4. NEBELL, WHO IS ON TECHNICAL LEVEL, EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ROC WITHDRAWAL ELIMINATES NEED FOR ANY DISCUSSION OF CHINESE REPRESENTATION ISSUE AT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES. HE BELIEVES THAT SINCE TAIWAN ALREADY HAS STATIONS IN OPERATION IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE TO EXCLUDE TAIWAN FROM COMMERCIAL ACCESS. HE NOTED THAT NON-MEMBERS OF INTELSAT SUCH AS SOVIET UNION ALREADY HAVE COMMERCIAL ACCESS. BECAUSE THIS HE DOUBTED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO WORK TO RETAIN TAIWAN'S ACCESS AS A NON-MEMBER.

5. NORD THANKED EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION AND SAID HE WOULD LET US KNOW OF NORWEGIAN POSITION AS SOON AS IT IS ESTABLISHED.
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